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(IWC)

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1. EMBASSY INFORMALLY DISCUSSED FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD
IWC MEMBERSHIP WITH AGMIN AND FONOFF OFFICIALS. FRG
FOLLOWS ACTIVITIES OF IWC CAREFULLY FROM THE AGMIN AND
IS AWARE OF CURRENT ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION. FRG
HAS NOT DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE, HOWEVER, SINCE THE
OBVIOUS GERMAN CONSERVATIONIST ROLE WOULD DRAW A

CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FIRE FROM WHALING COUNTRIES. FRG IS ALREADY INVOLVED IN THE DIFFICULT TASK OF FORMING A COMMON EC FISHERIES POLICY AND, THROUGH THE EC, ATTEMPTING TO PRESERVE ALLOWABLE CATCHES AROUND THE WORLD WITHOUT THE BARGAINING CHIP OF SIGNIFICANT HOME FISHERIES RESOURCES. FRG THUS BELIEVES IT CANNOT AFFORD TO MAKE ENEMIES LIGHTLY IN A FISHERIES CONTEXT FOR AN UNCLEAR PAYOFF WITH THE GERMAN PUBLIC.

2. AGMIN OFFICIAL DID MENTION, HOWEVER, THAT SOME GERMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS HAVE PRESSED FOR FRG PARTICIPATION IN IWC. EMBASSY ALSO NOTES THAT GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE FRG HAS BEEN INCREASING, PARTICULARLY FOR EXAMPLE ON THE NUCLEAR ENERGY ISSUE. THERE IS, THEREFORE, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF COUNTER PRESSURE ON THE FRG TO PARTICIPATE BUT THIS IS NOT PERCEIVED AS A SUFFICIENT OFFSET TO THE DISADVANTAGES OF PARTICIPATION.

3. A U.S. APPROACH URGING THE FRG TO JOIN THE IWC WOULD CERTAINLY INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE FRG AND FORCE THE GERMANS TO FOCUS ON THE TRADEOFFS IN A NEW LIGHT. AS SOLUTIONS TO EC FISHERIES ISSUES BECOME MORE CLEAR IN THE COURSE OF THE COMING YEAR AND AS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS DEVELOPS IN THE FRG, INITIAL GERMAN RESISTANCE COULD ALSO ABATE.
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